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SUBJ: CIVAIR: WEEKEND ITC'S

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1. RCAA HAS RECEIVED LETTER DATED MAY 20 FROM CLEMENT-MEUNIER, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF AIR TRANSPORT AT SGAC, REQUESTING CAB WAIVER FOR FRENCH-ORIGIN WEEKEND ITC'S FOR PERIOD OCTOBER 15, 1975 TO JUNE 15, 1976. LETTER REFERS TO EARLIER SGAC DEMARCHE TO US THIS SUBJECT (REF A). LETTER POUCHED EB/AVP.

2. OPERATIVE PARA OF LETTER READS AS FOLLOWS

(INFORMAL TRANSLATION):

QUOTE: BECAUSE OF THE UNCERTAINTY WHICH EXISTED UNTIL RECENT DATE WITH REGARD TO THE CAB'S INTENTIONS, (WEEKEND ITC) EXPERIENCE WAS LIMITED TO A VERY RESTRICTED NUMBER OF TRIPS.

HOWEVER, SEVERAL COMPANIES CLAIM TO BE INTERESTED IN THIS FORMULA WHICH, IN THEIR OPINION, IS OF INTEREST TO A RELATIVELY LARGE POTENTIAL MARKET, AND THEY HAVE ASKED ME TO ENVISAGE EXTENDING THE PROGRAM EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 15 NEXT.

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE PREOCCUPYING ECONOMIC SITUATION OF NORTH ATLANTIC AIR TRAFFIC, I CONSIDER THAT NO MEASURE CAPABLE OF HELPING TO AUGMENT TRAFFIC SHOULD BE NEGLECTED.

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IN THIS SPIRIT, I AM REQUESTING YOU TO PRESENT

TO THE CAB A NEW REQUEST FOR A WAIVER AUTHORIZING
"WEEKEND ITC" TRIPS TO THE UNITED STATES FOR THE
PERIOD OCTOBER 15, 1975 TO JUNE 15, 1976. IN ORDER
FACILITATE PLANNING BY THE COMPANIES, WHICH MUST
LAUNCH THEIR PUBLICITY SEVERAL MONTHS IN ADVANCE, IT
SEEMS TO ME THAT A PERMANENT WAIVER WOULD BE THE MOST
APPROPRIATE FORMULA. UNQUOTE.

3. SGAC HAS INDICATED TO US ORALLY THAT US CARRIERS
BOTH SCHEDULED AND NONSCHEDULED ARE
ESPECIALLY INTERESTED IN WEEKEND ITC TRAFFIC.

4. COMMENT: IT WILL BE RECALLED THAT SGAC ISSUED
ITS WEEKEND ITC RULE LAST YEAR WITHOUT FIRST
SOLICITING CAB VIEWS EVEN INFORMALLY ON WHETHER
SUCH FLIGHTS COULD BE OPERATED TO US. THIS TIME
SGAC IS PURSUING MORE PRUDENT COURSE OF SEEKING
ASCERTAIN CAB VIEWS BEFOREHAND. IT WOULD APPEAR
THAT WHAT SGAC IS REQUESTING IS THAT CAB ISSUE
BLANKET WAIVER FOR OPERATION OF THESE FRENCH-ORIGIN
FLIGHTS TO US FOR COMING SEASON, WHEREAS CAB ECONOMIC
REGULATIONS MAY REQUIRE THAT WAIVER(S) BE ISSUED ONLY
ON BASIS APPLICATIONS FILED BY SPECIFIC CARRIERS. IN
ANY EVENT, EMBASSY HOPES THAT IT WILL BE POSSIBLE FOR
CAB TO BE FORTHCOMING IN RESPONSE TO GOF REQUEST IF
ONLY TO THE POINT OF INDICATING THAT CAB WILL BE
PREPARED WEIGH SYMPATHETICALLY ANY REQUESTS FOR
WAIVERS THAT MIGHT BE FILED BY CARRIERS TO
OPERATE WEEKEND ITC FLIGHTS TO US UNDER SGAC RULE
DURING ABOVE PERIOD. REF B INDICATED THAT CAB WAIVER
FOR WORLD AIRWAYS WAS GRANTED IN PART IN HOPE FRENCH
CIVAIR AUTHORITIES WOULD ACCEPT US CHARTERS OPERATED
UNDER NEW ITC RULES BEING PROPOSED BY CAB. UPCOMINQ
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OPPORTUNITIES FOR TRADE-OFF IN EXCHANGE CONTINUED
WAIVERS FOR FRENCH-ORIGIN WEEKEND ITC'S.
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